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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/519,711	Applicant(s) BERGLUND, GORAN	
	Examiner Deborah Yee	Art Unit 1793	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 February 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 7 to 17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 7 to 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 December 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on February 2, 2009 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US Patent 6,475,307 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1 and 7 to 13 and 15 to 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,630,103 ("Martin"), Japanese patent 402310339 ("JP-339") or Japanese patent 407011391("JP-391") in view of US Patent 5,241,748 ("Ishida'748") or US Patent 5,308,089 ("Ishida'089") for the reasons set forth in the previous office action dated November 3, 2008.

4. Even though prior art does not teach quasi-crystalline particles in the martensitic microstructure as recited by the claims, such particles would be expected since composition and process of making particles are closely met. Note Applicant's claim 7 recites "quasi-crystalline particles in the martensitic microstructure are a result of a precipitation hardening process". Similar to present invention, prior art teaches age hardening which is equivalent to precipitation hardening. See Martin on lines 12 to 21 in

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column 6 teach age hardening at 510 to 593°C; JP-339, last 2 paragraphs in column 2 on page 211 teach age hardening at 425-500°C; and JP-391 in paragraph [0014] teaches age hardening at 425-550°C for 10 minutes or more.

5. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,630,103 ("Martin"), Japanese patent 02-310339 ("JP-339") or Japanese patent 407011391("JP-391") in view of US Patent 5,241,748 ("Ishida'748") or US Patent 5,308,089 ("Ishida'089") as applied to claims 1, 8 to 13 and 15 to 17 above, and further in view of WO 01/79585 ("WO'585") for the reasons set forth in the previous office action dated November 3, 2008.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed February 2, 2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

7. It was argued that claims recite "quasicrystalline particles in a martensitic matrix" which is not taught by prior art. It is the Examiner's position that quasicrystalline particles would be inherent in prior art alloy since process of making particles by age hardening (equivalent to precipitation hardening) is performed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deborah Yee whose telephone number is 571-272-1253. The examiner can normally be reached on monday-friday 6:00 am-2:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Roy King can be reached on 571-272-1244. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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